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by FedEx

Re: Fansteel Inc – North Chicago – EE/CA Administrative Order
Docket No. V-W-00-6-413
Monthly Written Report for May 2001

Dear Mr. O'Grady:

In accordance with paragraph V.3.3 of the subject Administrative Order, this is our monthly progress report concerning activities undertaken pursuant to this Order during May 2001.

Significant developments and work performed during the month of May 2001 included the following:

- **May 1, 2001** – U.S. EPA provided to Fansteel Inc. written comments on the Site Investigation Report (dated January 26, 2001) for incorporation of the comments into the final EE/CA report
- **May 8, 2001** – U.S. EPA provided to Fansteel Inc. written comments on the EE/CA Work Plan (dated March 28, 2001)
- **May 14, 2001** – U.S. EPA provided to Fansteel Inc. written approval of the EE/CA Work Plan contingent upon incorporation of the EPA's comments (provided on May 8th) into that work plan
- **May 18, 2001** – Earth Sciences Consulting Inc. (ESCI) provided to U.S. EPA (and IEPA) on behalf of Fansteel Inc. written responses to U.S. EPA's comments on the EE/CA Work Plan as an addendum to the EE/CA Work Plan
- **May 23, 2001** - ESCI provided to U.S. EPA (and IEPA) on behalf of Fansteel Inc. written notification that the EE/CA supplemental field characterization program would commence on May 30, 2001 and would require approximately 3 weeks to complete
- **May 30, 2001** – ESCI commenced the EE/CA supplemental field characterization program on behalf of Fansteel Inc. As of May 31, 2000, a total of 11 Geoprobe[®] borings had been completed and sampled.

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The only problem encountered to date is that access for the two proposed Geoprobe[®] borings on the R. Lavin & Sons Property was not obtained and therefore these borings will not be completed. However, the results of previous groundwater and soil investigations conducted at the R. Lavin & Sons Property will be evaluated, and as appropriate, will be used in the EE/CA report in place of the results from the two borings that could not be completed.

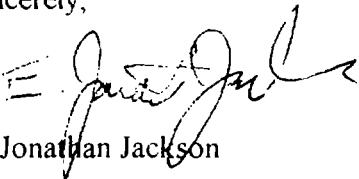
No analytical data was received during the month of May 2001.

Anticipated developments during June of 2001 include:

- Completion of the supplemental EE/CA field activities on or before June 12, 2001 (although weather and other unanticipated delays may extend this completion date), and,
- Receipt of laboratory analytical and geotechnical results from the supplemental field characterization program at the end of June.

Please call me if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,



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